

MINUTES  
OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
EDINA CITY COUNCIL  
HELD AT CITY HALL  
JANUARY 16, 2001 - 7:00 P.M.

**ROLLCALL** Answering rollcall were Members Housh, Hovland, Kelly, Masica, and Chair Maetzold.

**CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS APPROVED** Motion made by Member Masica and seconded by Member Hovland approving the Council Consent Agenda with the exception of Agenda Item IV.A. Traffic Safety Report of January 9, 2001, and Agenda Item IV.D. Set Board of Review Date for April 16, 2001, at 5:00 P.M.

Rollcall:

Ayes: Housh, Hovland, Kelly, Masica, Maetzold

Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION OF COMMENDATION - EDINA HIGH SCHOOL 2000 GIRLS SWIM AND DIVE TEAM** Mayor Maetzold commended the Edina High School 2000 Girls Swim and Dive Team on their State, Classic Lake Conference, and Section Championships. **Motion made by Member Kelly introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption:**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2001-08**

**RESOLUTION OF COMMENDATION**

**EDINA HIGH SCHOOL**

**2000 GIRLS' SWIMMING & DIVING TEAM**

WHEREAS, the members of the Edina High School 2000 Girls' Swimming and Diving Team were Champions of the Classic Lake Conference, Section Champions and State Champions; and

WHEREAS, success has come to the members of the Team because of their extraordinary ability, hours of practice and the leadership of their coaches; and

WHEREAS, as representatives of the City of Edina, the members of the Team exemplified the highest standards of athletic proficiency and good sportsmanship.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Edina City Council that congratulations be extended to the members of the Team:

Courtney Green	Diane Cederberg	Traci Bergo, Head Coach
Katherine Kolles	Carly Miller	Jeff Mace, Asst. Coach
Katie Massopust	Abigail Ruess	Mellanie Pusateri, JV Coach
Alicia McDonald	Lindsay Somrock	Karin Tellekson, Asst. Coach
Jamie Mitchell	Laine Litman	Katie Grinnell, Diving Coach
Amanda Weddle	Nina Cole	
Courtney Woodhull	Carolyn Barer	
Elizabeth Youngblood		

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be recorded in the Minutes of the Edina City Council and that copies be given to members of the Team.

ADOPTED this 16<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2001.

Member Housh seconded the motion.

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Rollcall:

Ayes: Housh, Hovland, Kelly, Masica, Maetzold

Motion carried.

### PRELIMINARY PLAT DENIED FOR 5343 INTERLACHEN AND 5012 OXFORD AVENUE

Affidavits of Notice were presented, approved and ordered placed on file.

#### Staff Presentation

Planner Larsen explained the subject property comprises three single dwelling lots all zoned R-1, Single Dwelling Unit district. There are two houses located on the properties. Total area of the three lots is 0.61 acres or 26,572 feet. The Comprehensive Plan designates the properties as Single Family.

Mr. Larsen reported the Planning Commission reviewed a five-lot, zero lot line development of the subject property at their November 1, 2000, meeting. The proposal was reviewed under multi-family zoning standards, and would have required a rezoning of the property. After the November 1, 2000, hearing the request was withdrawn. The proponent then submitted a revised four-lot conventional plat, for the November 20, 2000, meeting. The Planning Commission recommended approval of the preliminary plat. However, after the meeting it was discovered that errors were made in data representing the 500-foot neighborhood, which required that the Planning Commission hear the request a second time.

Revised median numbers for lots within the 500 foot neighborhood surrounding the proposed subdivision are as follows:

<u>Lot Width</u>	<u>Lot Depth</u>	<u>Lot Area</u>
75 feet	136 feet	9,750 sq. ft.

Lots within the proposed subdivision have the following dimensions and areas.

Lot 1 - 48.69 feet*	133 feet*	6,493 sq. ft.*
Lot 2 - 50 feet*	133 feet*	6,659 sq. ft.*
Lot 3 - 50 feet*	133 feet*	6,659 sq. ft.*
Lot 4 - 50 feet*	132 feet*	6,638 sq. ft.*

\* requires a variance

Mr. Larsen added that although all of the lots require variances, in his opinion, the development would fit the neighborhood. The most important measure, lot width, fits the development pattern of the Brookside Heights neighborhood. The numbers are skewed because the subject property is at the edge of the neighborhood causing the larger lots to the north and west to become part of the formula. The best way to ensure that the new houses are compatible in size and scale with the existing homes is to provide a similar lot width. The one and a half story homes the developer intends to build would be compatible. Mr. Larsen added that reducing the plat to three lots would not eliminate the variances completely, but would most likely result in three homes larger than the typical home in Brookside Heights.

The Planning Commission reconsidered the proposed subdivision at their January 3, 2001, meeting. After receiving the revised data relating to the neighborhood median values for lot width, lot depth, and lot area; and hearing testimony from staff and neighbors; the Commission recommended denial of the proposed subdivision.

Member Hovland asked what the existing setback was from 5343 Interlachen Boulevard and whether drainage was an issue in that area. Mr. Larsen replied the setback is approximately 50 feet and that Interlachen is the dividing line between two watershed districts 9-Mile Creek and Minnehaha Creek. He added that although the preliminary review was not completely satisfactory, the City Engineer felt the drainage issues could be worked out.

Member Masica asked why staff would support smaller homes on smaller lots. Mr. Larsen explained that the subject property was more closely related to the Brookside Heights neighborhood. He said the proposed houses would blend well with homes existing on Bedford, adding that with smaller lots controlling the size of the houses would be possible.

Member Kelly asked if any specific hardship had been identified to justify the necessary variances. Mr. Larsen replied that no specific hardship had been identified.

Member Hovland asked if the City could control whether the homes built were one or two stories and what the setback would be for the corner lots. Mr. Larsen replied that normally the number of stories cannot be controlled. However, because of the required variance conditions could be imposed on the homes in this instance. The setback for corner lots would be 15 feet each way.

#### Proponent Presentation

Jeff Schoenwetter, JMS Development, 5232 Ridgewood Drive, said his company is looking for approval of a four-lot subdivision for two properties currently improved with two single family homes. He noted that originally their request was for a five-site PUD, but they have since changed their request to something he believed would be quite consistent with the neighborhood. Mr. Schoenwetter stated that he could raze the existing homes and apply for three building permits, but he would rather go through with the plat because he believed it would be a better fit for the neighborhood.

Mr. Schoenwetter graphically showed the existing homes on the property, several existing setbacks on Interlachen, and renderings of the proposed homes for the site. He urged the Council to approve his proposal stating that he had extensively worked with City staff and the Planning Commission. He assured the Council that a drainage plan could be engineered that would be acceptable by both watershed districts, the City and the neighbors. He acknowledged the neighborhood's concern, but re-iterated that his proposal was a thoughtful solution to the needed renewal of the subject property. Mr. Schoenwetter urged the Council to approve his preliminary plat as presented.

Member Housh asked what variances would be required for the proposed plat. Mr. Larsen answered that each of the four lots would need variances for lot width, lot depth and lot area.

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Member Hovland commented that he believed that less than four homes would still work in the area. Mr. Schoenwetter adamantly disagreed stating that it would not be financially feasible to build the homes if the lot cost would have to be increased by 33%.

### Public Comment

Sharon Ming, 4110 Sunnyside Boulevard, stated she had served on the Edina Human Relations Commission for over ten years and has lived in Edina for 20 years. Ms. Ming said she believed Edina lacked affordable housing. One way to fulfill this need would be approval of higher density housing.

Member Housh asked what the potential prices are planned for the proposal. Mr. Schoenwetter replied the homes start at \$100 per square foot and will be well under \$300,000.

Robert Diehl, 4816 Vandervork Avenue questioned the prices of the proposed homes.

Member Hovland asked was side-lot setbacks are required. Mr. Larsen replied the side yard setbacks start at five feet and then increase if there is a second story on a home, by ½ foot for each foot over fifteen feet.

Member Masica commented that she thought the entire residential community needed consideration when evaluating a proposed subdivision. She expressed concern that the proposed subdivision did not meet the goals set forth in the City's 20/20 Vision.

Member Kelly complimented Member Mascia for her quick understanding of Edina's vision. He added he could see no hardships or compelling reason to approve the plat as presented. In addition, Member Kelly expressed his disappointment that the plat had been presented in its present form.

Member Housh stated that as a new Council member he would be inclined to put his faith in the Planning Commission's recommendation. He complimented the developer for the designs of the proposed homes, stating that while he could possibly approve a 3-lot development, he did not believe four lots were appropriate to the site.

Member Hovland said he would like to see the property re-developed. He also commended the developer, but agreed that the current proposal is not right. The neighbors are telling us the density is too high. The site does not meet the standards for hardship. Four lots would be too much for the site. The Council must look at the City's code when reviewing subdivisions and those guidelines compel him to say no to four lots.

Mayor Maetzold agreed that he would not be in favor of the subdivision as proposed.

**Member Hovland made a motion to close the public hearing, seconded by Member Kelly.**

Ayes: Housh, Hovland, Kelly, Masica, Maetzold  
Motion carried.

**Member Kelly made a motion denying the Preliminary Plat Approval request for 5343 Interlachen and 5012 Oxford Avenue.** Member Hovland seconded the motion.

Rollcall:

Ayes: Housh, Hovland, Kelly, Masica, Maetzold

Motion carried.

Mayor Maetzold acknowledged that persons in attendance wanted to speak. He noted the hearing had been closed and the preliminary plat denied. He told the public they would be allowed to speak briefly.

Richard Miller, 5340 Hollywood Road requested that his letter of January 2, 2001, to the Edina Planning Commission be noted on file as well as his neighbor Mr. Peter Leenders of 5317 Hollywood Road. Mayor Maetzold acknowledged receipt of the letters and noted they would be on file at City Hall.

Peter Leenders, 5317 Hollywood Road expressed his disappointment over the proposed subdivision.

Linda Bofenkamp, 5332 Hollywood Road stated her concern over the proposed setback from Interlachen Boulevard. She asked that the integrity of the boulevard be maintained no matter what is proposed for the subject property.

Carolyn Bisson, 5340 Hollywood Road, presented a petition signed by property owners on Oxford Avenue, Hollywood Road, Interlachen Boulevard, Blossom Court, Bedford Avenue, Vandervork Avenue, Orchard Lane, and Mirror Lakes Drive, objecting to the proposed subdivision. Ms. Bisson added she had requested an environmental assessment worksheet from the Environmental Quality Board on behalf of the Interlachen Neighborhood Homeowners Association.

**\*BID AWARDED FOR ¾ TON CARGO VAN FOR THE EDINA LIQUOR STORES**  
**Motion made by Member Masica and seconded by Member Hovland for award of bid for a ¾ ton van for the Liquor Stores to Falls Automotive under Hennepin County Contract #0543AO at \$15,756.00.**

Motion carried on rollcall vote - five ayes.

**\*BID AWARDED FOR FAIRWAY GRASS MOWER FOR THE BRAEMAR GOLF COURSE**  
**Motion made by Member Masica and seconded by Member Housh approving the award of bid for a fairway grassmower for Braemar Golf Course to MTI Distributing, Inc., under State of Minnesota Contract #425965 at \$17,311.58.**

Motion carried on rollcall vote - five ayes.

**TRAFFIC SAFETY STAFF REVIEW OF JANUARY 9, 2001, APPROVED** Member Masica asked that the Traffic Safety Staff Review of January 9, 2001, be removed from the consent agenda and commented that cut-through traffic issues are a top priority in her estimation.

**Member Kelly made a motion approving the Traffic Safety Staff Review of January 9, 2001, Section A, B, and C. Member Housh seconded the motion.**

Ayes: Housh, Hovland, Kelly, Masica, Maetzold

Motion carried.

**ON-SALE LIQUOR LICENSE TRANSFER OF OWNERSHIP APPROVED FOR BIG BOWL RESTAURANT** Manager Hughes explained that Big Bowl, Inc., dba/Big Bowl Café in the Galleria was one of the original on-sale intoxicating liquor licensees and was under corporate ownership of Lettuce Entertain You Enterprises, LLC and Brinker International, with each having a 50% ownership. City Code requires a new application be filed when changes of more than 10% occur in the corporate ownership. Appropriate applications have been submitted and all applicable fees paid from Brinker International.

The Planning Department reviewed the application and finds it in compliance with code requirements. The Health Department is satisfied with the applicants' plan for storage and service and the Police Department, upon investigation, found no negative findings.

Staff recommends approving an on-sale intoxicating liquor license and on-sale Sunday license to Big Bowl, Inc., under the corporate ownership of Brinker Restaurant Corporation dba/Big Bowl Café beginning January 17, 2001 to March 31, 2001.

**Member Kelly made a motion approving an on-sale intoxicating liquor license and an on-sale Sunday license to Big Bowl, Inc., under the corporate ownership of Brinker Restaurant Corporation, dba/Big Bowl Café beginning January 17, 2001 to March 31, 2001. Member Hovland seconded the motion.**

Ayes: Housh, Hovland, Kelly, Masica, Maetzold

Motion carried.

**BLUE RIBBON COMMITTEE UPDATE PRESENTED; HEARING DATE SET OF FEBRUARY 15, 2001** Bob Christianson, Chair of the Blue Ribbon Committee, commended the Committee for their diligent efforts. He explained the Committee could not have accomplished what they did without the skill expended from Director Keprios and Assistant Director MacHolda.

Director Keprios explained that TSP One, Inc., Architects as well as Anderson Johnson Engineers were in attendance and prepared to answer questions, but had not prepared a formal presentation. He added they were prepared to show site plans if the Council desired. Director Keprios described the process that has been ongoing since late 1999. The City and School District determined they should work together to provide public facilities for community use. Decision Resources conducted a telephone survey to determine if support existed for such a project. The survey determined there would be community support for the project.

The Council formed the Blue Ribbon Committee consisting of following eleven citizen members:

Bob Christianson - Chair

Jeff Bohlig - Member at Large  
Mary Brindle - Member at Large  
Ted Brinkman - Athletic Booster Club  
Kris Hayes - Normandale French Immersion  
Doug Johnson - Edina Public School District  
Chuck Mooty - Edina Park Board  
Linda Presthus - Edina Park Board  
Dan Rectenwald - Edina Community Center - Neighborhood Resident  
Ann Swenson - Edina Planning Commission  
Jim VanValkenburg - Senior Citizen Advisory Committee

The Blue Ribbon Committee's mission was as follows:

1. What is the need for additional gymnasiums, soccer fields and auditoriums in the City?
2. What other needs should be addressed?
3. Is there an opportunity to work with Edina Public Schools to meet the City's recreational needs? If so, how should such an arrangement be structured?
4. Are there other partnerships that should be made to provide recreational facilities?
5. Is it appropriate for some or all of the facilities to be located on school district property?
6. Will the recommended package of facilities and improvements be acceptable to the community?

The Committee began meeting in September. The information-gathering process included:

Thirteen committee meetings and one park and school tour of:

East Campus (ECC, South View and Concord)  
West Campus (High School and Valley View)  
Arneson Acres Park  
Braemar Park  
Cornelia School Park  
Countryside Park  
Garden Park

Meetings began on Thursday - September 14, 2000

Committee met over seventeen weeks for a total of 60 hours

Committee heard 30 presentations

Last meeting held January 4, 2001

Letters of invitation were mailed to community groups and individuals asking for input in writing and attendance at a Blue Ribbon Committee meeting to present program needs and desires. Community groups and individuals that were invited included:

Performing Arts - Diana LeLand/School District Music & Performing Arts; Jan Michaletz, Schools Booster Club for Music & Performing Arts; Doug Johnson, Director of Community Education Services

Edina Senior Citizen Activities Center - Leon Lander and Kay Bach/Senior Center Advisory Committee; Pat Mackey, Architect

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Enterprise Facilities - Diana Hedges/Art Center; Larry Thayer/Arena; Ed MacHolda/Aquatic Center

Gymnasium and Athletic Field Shortage - Assistant Park Director MacHolda

General Park Infrastructure - Park Director Keprios

Athletic Field Turf Maintenance - Vince Cockriel/Park Maintenance; John Hopko/Agronomist & Turf Specialist; Jim Knazek - Artificial Turf Specialist

New and Renovated Athletic Fields - Anderson/Johnson, Inc., Landscape Architects

### TSP ARCHITECTS AND ENGINEERS, INC.:

- Studied scenarios for new and renovated gymnasiums at various locations
- Previously studied and validated the need for renovation of the South View Middle School competition pool
- Presented concept drawings for replacement of the Valley View Middle School competition pool
- Presented concept drawings for renovation of ECC auditorium

### YOUTH ATHLETIC ASSOCIATIONS:

- Junior Olympic Volleyball Association
- Basketball Association (in-house)
- Basketball Association (traveling)
- Girls Basketball (traveling)
- Girls Athletic Association (basketball, volleyball, flag football, team tennis)
- Soccer Association (in-house)
- Soccer Club (traveling)
- Football Association
- Baseball Association
- Youth Softball Association
- Girls Fastpitch Softball
- Braemar City of Lakes Figure Skating Club
- Edina Swim Club

### OTHER YOUTH AND ADULT ATHLETIC GROUPS:

- Donna Hanbery - Adult Soccer
- Ed MacFadden - Girls and Boys Lacrosse
- Marvin Goldstein - Edina Athletic Boosters Club
- Mike Madden - Girls and Boys Rugby
- Ed MacHolda, Assistant Director - Adult Basketball and Adult Soccer
- Donna Tilsner, Recreation Supervisor - Adult Softball and Adult Volleyball
- Steve Dove - Edina High School Athletic Director

### SUPERINTENDENT DRAGSETH FIRST PRESENTED SCHOOL DISTRICT NEEDS AS:

- School District facility needs and setting a timeline
- New law mandates for Kuhlman Stadium bleachers
- School district trends (enrollment growth, increased use of facilities and aging infrastructure)

Second presentation addressed priority locations of new gyms and identified needs:



- On-going capital improvement plan
- Compliance with City/State fire code regarding fire suppression and compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act
- Kuhlman bleachers must meet mandated code by January 1, 2002
- Renovation of certain fields and facilities for health and safety of participants
- Renovation of some aging fields, gymnasiums and pools
- New additional fields and gymnasiums to accommodate current and future athletic programs
- Increase the number of competition pool lanes/times (school and community)
- Need for program registration and scheduling computer software
- Need for indoor multi-purpose athletic field (bubble) for a variety of uses (physical education classes, baseball, football, walking/jogging, flag football, rugby)
- ◇ If a bubble is deemed unacceptable, the gymnasium number would increase
- ◇ Numerous residents rent indoor athletic field time in other communities (need for a bubble in Edina)
- ◇ Need for new furnishings for Senior Center
- ◇ Improve access to existing park shelter building facilities
- ◇ Increase parking at Edina Community Center campus
- ◇ Need for more non-traditional recreation opportunities for youth (skate park)
- ◇ Increase number of track lanes for school use and community expansion of programs
- ◇ Renovation of existing work general park infrastructure
- ◇ Need for additional pottery classroom space
- ◇ Need to provide more indoor performing arts facilities and renovate existing worn ECC auditorium
- ◇ Need to provide heating and dehumidification for Braemar East Arena

PROJECTS RECOMMENDED BY BLUE RIBBON COMMITTEE: (not in order of priority)

- Performing and Visual Arts
  - Provide separate entrance for community to auditorium
  - Reduce seating to accommodate 630 people
  - Upgrade lighting and sound system
  - New Black Box Theater (west campus)
    - Intimate performing arts theater for smaller audiences of 10 to 250 people
- General Park Facilities:
  - Replace Worn Infrastructure:
    - Replace playground equipment at seven parks
    - Replace Bredesen Park perimeter fencing
    - Replace concessions building/maintenance garage at Courtney Fields
    - Replace roofs at Arneson and Bredesen Parks
    - Rebuild tennis court at Walnut Ridge
    - Upgrade pump house building at Sherwood Park
    - Repair pathways (Arneson, Rosland, Cornelia, Walnut Ridge Parks)
    - Replace windows and siding on Arneson Acres Park building
    - Replace Showmobile

New General Park Infrastructure

Provide indoor furnishings at Senior Center  
Repair parking lots in three parks  
Develop tri-city skate park  
Complete Van Valkenburg neighborhood park  
Purchase registration system for athletic/community programs  
Add safety fencing at Rosland Park playground  
Add keyless entry access system to fourteen park buildings  
Sanitary sewer lift station for Arneson Acres Greenhouse restrooms  
Shade covers for baseball/softball field dugouts (sun protection)  
Outdoor lighting for three Pamela Park softball fields

- Aquatic Center:

Accomplish master plan  
Replace worn slide with two new flumes (separate plunge pool)  
Replace a one meter diving board with cable ride  
Raise the depth of lap pool to five feet  
Provide better user access to main pool  
New deck showers and deck expansion

- Braemar Arena:

Provide fire suppression for Braemar West  
Relocate ice resurfacing room  
Heating and dehumidification upgrade

- Art Center:

Pottery room expansion  
Fire suppression system  
Clark gift shop expansion

- Gymnasiums:

Renovation of existing gyms:  
ECC large gym and lobby  
ECC small gym  
South View Middle School gym bleachers and wood floors  
Addition of four new gyms:  
One new gym at Concord Elementary  
One new gym at South View Middle School  
Two new gyms at Valley View Middle School, locker room/  
concession stand

- Athletic Fields:

Additional new athletic fields:  
Artificial turf installed at Kuhlman Field  
Artificial turf installed at South View Middle Fields  
Two new multi-purpose athletic fields (football/lacrosse/  
rugby/soccer/ultimate frisbee) lower level high school  
One new multi-purpose athletic field - Creek Valley School  
Two new softball fields - lower level high school  
Convert adult softball field to intermediate baseball field -  
Cornelia School Park

Renovate worn athletic fields (regrade, seed, irrigation and drainage)  
Six baseball fields  
Nine multi-purpose athletic fields  
Two softball fields

- Kuhlman Stadium:

- ◊ Upgrade/Improvement of Existing Stadium:  
State law mandates replacement of Kuhlman Stadium home and visitor bleachers  
Upgrade/replace lighting at stadium  
New storage space under permanent bleachers  
New plaza to include new entrance gate, concessions area, restrooms and press box
- ◊ Upgrade/New Athletic Facilities at Kuhlman:  
Increase track lanes from six to eight lanes  
Tennis court spectator seating  
Install artificial turf to encourage multiple users of multi-purpose athletic field

- Competition Swimming Pools:

Renovate South View Middle School Pool  
Improve ventilation and filtration systems  
Meet current pool health and safety codes  
Replace Valley View Middle School Pool  
New 25m x 25yd pool with L shaped diving area  
New locker rooms  
New concession stand

- Indoor Athletic Field (Bubble):

Air-supported white colored fabric that covers the artificial turf field inside new expanded track at Kuhlman Stadium  
Bubble goes up in November - down in March  
Potential revenue generating facility  
Reduces need for additional gyms (need only 4 versus 5-6 new gyms)

WHY LOCATE INDOOR ATHLETIC FIELD AT KUHLMAN STADIUM?

- Kuhlman must have artificial turf to allow community access
- Adjacent to schools would maximize use
- Storage available under bleachers for fabric
- Security fencing already in place
- 210 feet wide, 380 feet long and 65 feet high
- Least expensive site versus alternative site

OTHER POTENTIAL LOCATIONS FOR BUBBLE:

- Lewis Park (would need security fencing, artificial turf but not close to school)
- ECC Middle Field (too close to residents, field too small, needs higher fencing)
- Valley View Middle School Baseball Field (needs road and parking lot, artificial turf, security fencing, field is too small)

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- Braemar Park at Former Gun Range site (needs extensive grading, artificial turf, additional parking, security fencing, not close to school, site currently planned for Police/Fire Training Facility)

Mr. Keprios asked if the Blue Ribbon Committee accomplished its mission:

- ◇ What is the need for additional gymnasiums, soccer fields and an auditorium in City?

### Committee Recommendations:

4 new gymnasiums

Access to five new multi-purpose athletic fields

New Black Box Theater

What other needs should be addressed?

Renovate or replace worn infrastructure

Provide new additional facilities based on demonstrated needs.

- ◇ Is there an opportunity to work with Edina Public Schools to meet the City's recreational needs? (YES) If so, how should such an arrangement be structured?

### Committee Recommendations:

Recreational facilities on School District property should be operated/maintained by School District

Recreational facilities on City property should be operated/maintained by City

- ◇ Are there other partnerships that should be made to provide recreation facilities?

Southdale YMCA (Skate Park, Gymnasiums)

Northwest Health Club (Midwest Health Club, Braemar Park Site)

- ◇ Is it appropriate for some or all of the facilities to be located on school district property?

All additional facilities, performing arts theater, gymnasiums, competition pool, bubble and athletic fields should be located on school property because:

No additional costs

Additional costs to operate and maintain new gyms, theater and pool are incremental additions.

- ◇ Will the recommended package of facilities and improvements be acceptable to the community?

Blue Ribbon Committee recommendations are responsive to groups and individuals who provided input.

Mr. Keprios explained the Committee found it too difficult to determine the overall community support at this time. He added Decision Resources suggested the majority of the community will support the proposal if there were no controversial projects.

Mr. Keprios explained several projects require further study to determine more accurate construction costs, i.e.; gyms, pools, Black Box Theater, Courtney Fields building, etc. Based on information received from various groups, the Blue Ribbon Committee has determined their recommended projects to improve parks, programs and recreational facilities. The estimated total cost of the recommended projects is approximately \$37,121,600.00.

Projected Cost Breakdown  
(not listed in order of priority)

Gymnasiums

\$ 8,120,600

Athletic Fields	6,074,000
Indoor Athletic Facility (bubble)	969,000
Kuhlman Stadium	5,946,000
Competition Swimming Pool Needs	6,077,000
General Park Infrastructure	4,534,000
Performing/Visual Arts	2,985,000
Enterprise Facilities	2,416,000
<b>TOTAL COST OF RECOMMENDED PROJECTS</b>	<b>\$ 37,121,600</b>

Director Keprios gave two tax impact scenarios for a referendum at \$35,000,000 and at \$40,000,000. He suggested a timeline as follows:

February 6, 2001	Approve Joint Powers Agreement and Facilities Use Agreement
February 20, 2001	Joint Council/School Board Meeting
February 20, 2001	Public Hearing
March 6, 2001	Council Approves Date, Amount and Scope of Referendum
April 23, 2001	Public Information Mailed to All Residents
May 16, 2001 (WEDNESDAY)	Referendum Date

#### Council comments

Mayor Maetzold suggested that discussion focus on two things, 1) general findings of the panel and 2) the proposed timeline.

Member Kelly asked whether the Capital Improvement Plan could be funded through the referendum. Attorney Gilligan noted the referendum would fund specified capital projects, but not a reserve or capital improvement fund. Manager Hughes noted that a Capital Improvement Plan for the entire City, was being developed. Member Kelly reminded the Council that when this proposal was first discussed, it was purported there would be a utility/maintenance savings. He asked if we are still operating under this understanding. Director Keprios said yes, but the bubble may be an issue. Member Kelly said since most of the project is on school property, when the use agreement is finalized, a clear case is made that persons not enrolled in the Edina school system will have use of the facilities. He stated the registration system should be a web-based design shared between the School District and the City. Director Keprios said how this would work has yet to be determined. Member Kelly voiced concern that the same problem would exist with the lower fields flooding with either a bubble or regular fields. Director Keprios explained the natural turf fields would be 90% sand and are purported to be ready for play within 20 minutes after a three inch rain.

Member Hovland voiced concern with security, safety, parking and access issues to the Community Center site. Director Keprios commented that the majority of people support the auditorium design and concept. Parking concerns would be addressed by compromising the existing field. Member Hovland inquired about the operating costs for the performing art center. Director Keprios said that has not been discussed. Member Hovland asked if discussions have been held about the Edina Swim Club being involved and in the sharing of expenses on the proposed new pool. Director Keprios said they are aware their rents will increase and were supportive. He added the school district would run the facilities and maintain them. Any increase in fees would be their decision. Manager Hughes said

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historically that is the manner the City has operated under. Member Hovland asked if there are any resources in the referendum not shared with the school district. Director Keprios indicated if it is part of the referendum it would, by law, have to have community access. Member Hovland asked specifically about the Black Box Theater. Director Keprios explained some discussion has ensued with the difference of access during the school year and summer. Member Hovland asked which proposed projects would generate a positive cash flow. Director Keprios indicated the bubble and Aquatic Center would have the potential to be the primary sources. Member Hovland asked if the bubble were profitable where would the profit go. Director Keprios said that has not been discussed. Member Hovland asked if decentralization of the gymnasiums effect the ability to raise funds for operating expenses. Director Keprios said that has not been discussed. Bob Christianson said the Committee did not detail operating costs, etc. They did not feel it was their charge and did not have time. Member Hovland asked if a track is proposed in the bubble. Director Keprios said no but nothing prohibits walkers/runners from using the bubble. Member Hovland inquired why locker rooms were not included in Braemar Arena. Bob Christianson said the identified need for locker rooms was for the Edina High School hockey program. The Committee felt the public would not benefit from locker rooms.

Mayor Maetzold asked if the locker rooms could be used by figure skaters. Director Keprios said it was unlikely the public would use the locker rooms.

Member Masica asked if it would add to the cost to add to the athletic campus at Braemar. Director Keprios said it is possible but not preferred. Member Masica inquired when will we know if the Braemar area will be used for a fire/police training facility. Manager Hughes said a decision should be forthcoming within the next few months. Member Masica asked if establishing an athletic campus at Braemar is 'do-able'. Director Keprios answered yes. Member Masica said currently parking is a concern at the Community Center. If activities were going on at Kuhlman Field, the auditorium and Community Center, what parking needs would be necessary. Director Keprios stated a parking and traffic study has not been completed. He has in the past deferred questions about parking at the schools to the school. Doug Johnson commented that like facilities, the bubble, has mostly pick-up/drop-off patrons. The need for additional parking would be minimal. Parking studies show parking to be inconvenient not inadequate during the day. At night with athletic activities parking is a problem.

Bob Christianson stated he has cost figures of the four gym complex at Braemar and it would cost twice as much to build and would not be located near a school. The Committee concluded the fit with Braemar was not good. Member Masica said she is most concerned with the impact of a bubble on the surrounding community. Director Keprios added the bubble would be used 90% of the time for a practice facility not for competitions. It is primarily used to practice summer sports during the winter. Manager Hughes explained that the cost of the dome would be the same in any location. The one difference would be at Braemar, a third artificial turf field would be necessary at a cost of \$700,000 - \$800,000.

Member Housh asked in a City referendum, what is the acid test regarding usage of the facilities. Attorney Gilligan added the facilities do not need to be City owned but the

community would need access. Member Housh asked what the City's use of the Black Box Theater would be. Director Keprios said the Theater was proposed by the School District but was looked upon by the Blue Ribbon Committee as a 'field of dreams'. No one group came before the Committee with a presentation yet they realized there is a need for that type of facility. Member Housh read in the material presented that the School District would support the bubble if it was self-sustaining. He asked what the scenario would be if other communities also built bubbles and the demand would decline. Director Keprios said that the facilities use agreement would be in place and would be the School District's problem. He suggested further study could be done by the Committee on where the bubble would be located.

Mayor Maetzold asked if the Committee felt that any other parts of the project other than the locker rooms would not be appropriate. Director Keprios said the Committee felt the Jan Apple Memorial Gardens at the Art Center could be funded by the Garden Council. A center island at Arneson Park did not stay in the project. Bob Christianson said a dance studio was suggested within the Black Box Theater, the Committee viewed it as more appropriate for the School District to fund. Manager Hughes said an indoor running track was deemed not appropriate in its design.

Member Kelly voiced concern if the bubble were constructed at Braemar, would the School District still want Kuhlman field constructed of artificial turf. Director Keprios said yes. Manager Hughes said if the community would be allowed to use Kuhlman, it would need to be constructed with artificial turf. Member Kelly indicated that Kuhlman field is the premier soccer field in Edina in his estimation. He stated he believes the use agreement could be problematic and may need a school advocate and City advocate to insure that residents who do not have connection with the school would be represented.

Member Housh suggested an advisory board could be established to oversee operations. Director Keprios stated to the City's advantage a preliminary use agreement has been set up.

Doug Johnson said discussions have focused on two things, 1) defined 'booking' and 2) usage times. There are also two parts to setting this system up, a 1) Joint Powers Agreement and 2) Facility Use Agreement. Manager Hughes said the next thing on February 6, 2001, would be to review the Agreements and give feedback. Member Kelly recommended the Blue Ribbon Committee peruse the Agreements and give suggestions. Bob Christianson commented the committee might look at the Agreements in a business context but he believed the City Attorney should be involved. Member Kelly said he personally could not give any opinion on the Agreement, not knowing the inner workings of the Park Department. Member Hovland commented that many persons, both lawyers and staff have worked on the Agreement.

Mayor Maetzold asked the Council for a decision on when to hold a public hearing and how to notice the public. Following a brief Council discussion, a public hearing was set for Thursday February 15, 2001. Member Masica suggested noticing residents in a 1,000 foot radius of Kuhlman Field about the public hearing.

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**Member Masica made a motion setting a public hearing date of February 15, 2001, 7:00 P.M., location to be determined, for Blue Ribbon Committee recommendations, and to notice residents in a 1000 foot radius of Kuhlman Field of the hearing.** Member Kelly seconded the motion.

Ayes: Housh, Hovland, Kelly, Masica, Maetzold

Motion carried.

### Public comment

Bob Kregel, 405 Blake Road, pointed out a date in the Edina Sun Current was incorrect, regarding the Blue Ribbon Committee meeting.

Gary Dorrian, 4708 West 60<sup>th</sup> Street, thanked the Committee and asked that more data on massing, traffic, and marketing be made available to the public. Member Kelly explained the City does not have final support for the multi-million dollar cost yet. Information will be made available in advance of the public hearing. Manager Hughes added what is incumbent is that information must be provided to the voter so that on May 16<sup>th</sup> the voter can make an informed decision. Member Kelly suggested information be made available to the public previous to the public hearing. Mr. Dorrian voiced concern with comments made regarding fire safety at Braemar West. Director Keprios said the West Arena was built in the 1960's and fire codes were different. It needs to be brought up to code. Member Housh said what he hears Mr. Dorrian requesting numbers proving the necessity of the proposals.

David Krasno, 5607 Dalrymple Road, voiced concern with traffic, parking and safety on his street.

Sam Rouman, 4709 School Road, stated a mistake is being made if a mailing to each household is not done regarding the public hearing.

JoEllen Deever, 5101 West 70<sup>th</sup>, attended the Committee meetings where presentations were made by every athletic organization known to man. She stated there is nothing underhanded or devious about the group and she was very impressed with all their work.

Correspondence received in favor of the referendum going forward were Creek Valley School Teachers, 6401 Gleason Road; L. Ann Sullivan, 5845 Brookview Avenue; Ann Sheely, 5905 Grove Street; Edina Senior High School Teachers, 6754 Valley View Road; Teena Hatch, PTSO President - Valley View; Normandale Elementary French Immersion School, 5701 Normandale Road Principal Dr. Harold Benson and Chair John Heer; Marde Olson, Valley View Middle School PTSO; Marde and Mark Olson, 5717 Londonderry Road; Concord Elementary School Staff, 5900 Concord Avenue; Concord Site Council and Concord PTO Board; Deborah K. Beltrand; Bert Ledder, 6709 Cheyenne Trail; South View Middle School, Trevor R. Johnson, 4725 South View Lane; Charlott and Charlie Gross, 4612 Cascade Lane.

Against the referendum going forward were Bette Comstock; Harold and Lila Larson.

Against the location of the bubble at Kuhlman Field were James and Virginia Anderson, 4721 School Road; Janeva G. McCulloch, 4801 West 59<sup>th</sup> Street.



**BOARD OF REVIEW DATE FOR APRIL 16, 2001, AT 5:00 P.M.** Manager Hughes asked that the setting of the Board of Review date be removed from the Consent Agenda because Member Housh will not be able to be in attendance at the proposed April 16, 2001, date. Manager Hughes explained that on or before February 15 of each year the County Assessor is required to give written notice to the City Clerk of the day and time the Board of Review will meet.

Mayor Maetzold exited the Council Chambers. Mayor pro tem Kelly conducted the meeting.

Following a brief Council discussion, **Member Masica made a motion setting April 16, 2001, at 5:00 P.M. as the date for Board of Review.** Member Housh seconded the motion.

Ayes: Housh, Hovland, Kelly, Masica, Maetzold

Motion carried.

**DATES SET FOR ANNUAL MEETING OF MARCH 27, 2001, AND VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION DINNER OF APRIL 24, 2001** Manager Hughes reported that dates for the Annual Meeting and Volunteer Recognition Reception for 2001 need to be chosen.

Following a brief Council discussion, **Member Kelly made a motion setting March 27, 2001, for the Annual Meeting date at Centennial Lakes Park Centrum at 5:00 P.M., and April 24, 2001, for the Volunteer Recognition Reception at Edinborough Park at 5:00 P.M.**

Ayes: Housh, Hovland, Kelly, Masica, Maetzold

Motion carried.

**APPOINTMENTS/RE-APPOINTMENTS MADE TO BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES** Mayor Maetzold requested endorsement of his recommendations for appointments and re-appointments to various boards, commissions and committees as follows:

**RE-APPOINTMENTS**

<b>NAME</b>	<b>BOARD/COMMITTEE/COMMISSION</b>	<b>TERM TO</b>
Linda Kieffer	Art Center Committee	2/1/04
DeLores Paul		2/1/04
Kathy Frey (consumer)	Community Health Committee	2/1/03
Quentin A. Collins	Construction Board of Appeals	2/1/04
Edward Noonan		2/1/04
John McCauley	Heritage Preservation Board	2/1/03
Herman Ratelle		2/1/03
Lois Wilder		2/1/03
Donald W. Wray		2/1/03
Carol Carmichiel (Council)	Human Relations Commission	2/1/04
David Fredlund	Park Board	2/1/04
Thomas White		2/1/04
David Byron	Planning Commission	2/1/04
Gordon V. Johnson		2/1/04
Geoffrey Workerger		2/1/04

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Anne Cronin	Recycling and Solid Waste Commission	2/1/03
Kathryn Frey		2/1/03
Inna Hays		2/1/03
Donald W. Patton	Zoning Board of Appeals	2/1/04

Mayor Maetzold further recommended the following persons to fill the Board/Commission/Committee vacancies as noted:

**APPOINTMENTS**

<b>NAME</b>	<b>BOARD/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE</b>	<b>TERM TO:</b>
William Crawford	Heritage Preservation Board	2/1/02
John Hobday	Human Relations Commission	2/1/04
Michael Damman	Park Board (unexpired 2 year term)	2/1/03
Ardis Wexler	Park Board	2/1/04

**Member Masica made a motion endorsing the re-appointments and appointments to the various boards, commissions and committees as previously noted.** Member Housh seconded the motion.

Ayes: Housh, Hovland, Kelly, Masica, Maetzold

Motion carried.

**\*CONFIRMATION OF CLAIMS PAID** Member Masica made a motion, seconded by Member Hovland approving payment of the following claims as shown in detail on the Check Register dated January 5, 2001, and consisting of 27 pages: General Fund \$157,005.03; Communications Fund \$5,931.84; Working Capital Fund \$15,580.40; Construction Fund \$260.00; Art Center Fund \$8,668.59; Golf Dome Fund \$11,591.94; Aquatic Center Fund \$1,426.75; Golf Course Fund \$3,120.82; Ice Arena Fund \$1,866.32; Edinborough/Centennial Lakes Fund \$7,812.21; Liquor Fund \$114,361.43; Utility Fund \$288,124.79; Storm Sewer Fund \$1,166.87; Recycling Fund \$37,935.20 ; TOTAL \$654,852.19.

Motion carried on rollcall vote - five ayes.

There being no further business on the Council Agenda, Mayor Maetzold declared the meeting adjourned at 10:33 P.M.

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